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Mr. Thomas Miller
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Re: Vipont Mine
ACT/003/005

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for meeting with Cleon and myself on December 13, 1978. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working with you in completing the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Vipont Mine.

The fact that you met with the Division on your own initiative will be discussed with the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining at the December 20, 1978 executive meeting. The Board had planned to subpoena you to appear at the January meeting to show cause why the plan had not been completed in a timely manner and why underground mining had commenced prior to the Division and Board's final approval.

It would be to your advantage to submit the completed MR-8 Form and a narrative and commitment to each item in the November 8, 1978 memorandum from myself to Ron Daniels prior to the January 24, 1979 Board Meeting. If you do not agree with any item or wish to apply for a variance to any of the reclamation standards or any item of the before-mentioned memo please make a statement to such and explain the reasons for such. The Division staff is willing to work with you in these matters.

We look forward to your reply and Cleon will recommend to the Board that the subpoena be cancelled. However, in the event that no response is received before January 15, 1979 the matter will again be brought to the Board's attention.

Sincerely,

K. MICHAEL THOMPSON
ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

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